

**TOQUERVILLE CITY**  
**TREE BOARD FIELD TRIP SUMMARY**  
**For the proposed 2015 Tree City Project**

Tuesday, May 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Held at 212 N. Toquerville Blvd, Toquerville Utah

**Attendance:** Board members Brad Langston, Urban Forestry Division Arborist Danon Hulet, Lance Gubler, Chris McNeil, Renee Garner, and Tony Humphries.

**6:00 pm:**

1. The Tree Board met at the City office chambers and traveled to Shangri-La and Toquerville Blvd. where we're planning to plant trees along the north side of the road. We parked at the bottom and walked up. The goal was to plan what to plant along the new sidewalk up Shangri-La. Lance gave us an understanding of where the drip line had been placed. He said he could bring it all the way down to the beginning of the sidewalk if needed. He said the drip line had an elbow every 100 feet.

The first section we thought would look good with alternating Redbud and Crape Myrtle trees. There was discussion of felt and mulch to keep the weeds down and lavender or other bushes as a lower growth. We thought we should look at what is planted in the medians in Hurricane for ideas on spacing and variety.

Cypress was thought best in the raw area under the Mayor's property where there was no retaining wall. There was very limited space there. A retaining wall again west of Mayor's drive looked like a good place for smaller trees and then there was a wider place that might allow larger trees.

Discussion on whether we can utilize the grant to plant in a utility easement, Danon would check with Tree City.

Mayor LeFevre might be able to tell us what our easement is. Lance thought we had a utility easement at the least.

Lance showed us how the drainage was planned to go into the street long before the Mayor's drive. Everyone thought the smaller trees would be best for the entire area. The ground, Lance said, is all gravel, rock, and sand. He mentioned plans for about 1400 feet of sidewalk with curb and gutter along Rimview Dr.

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Trees we still think will work: smaller California Redbud, and Crape Myrtle, and Cypress in the skinny area. Discussion of root encroachment on the new sidewalks; Brad thought maybe Mondale and Chitalpa trees would work in the larger areas.

The school children wait at the top for the bus. A shade tree there with a bench was mentioned.

2. We then took the field trip to Cemetery to look at trees and plan maintenance, care, plantings and removals for trees along the cemetery drive and in the cemetery yard which is designated 1186 S Toquerville Blvd.

The flowering pears along the drive should be removed and replaced. Danon thought they looked quite ill. Mulberry trees are still agreed to be the best replacement.

Trees Danon thought should be removed: a Maple in section three, a Plum in section two, both on the north end. The third Maple from the north in section one, and two dead and dying trees in section two near the middle. Several in section one along the east side looked ill. It was thought we could try to trim them back a little and water them more deeply, but discussion also included replacement. Danon recommended edge planting throughout the cemetery instead of doing any more planting in the middle of the sections. The center section of the cemetery has quite a lot of plantings. All agreed that it might be nice to keep that area with more growth to keep the old fashioned look to our cemetery, though it would need some cleaning up.

The Texas Umbrella trees were agreed to be too messy to plant more of them. There are several healthy Ash trees. We don't want to plant more of those due to fear of disease.

The grant will come available in July and is due in September. Danon recommended using the inventory done in 2011 and updating that with the new technology. Brad asked if that could be ready for review at the next Tree Board meeting, May 19.

Danon informed us he'll be given a new position as Area Forester. Our new Urban Forestry Arborist will be David Allen.

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Councilman Brad Langston as Chair

Summary written by Renee Garner, Board Member